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In re Application of:)
Masahiro TADA et al.)
Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit:
Filed: December 26, 2000) Examiner:

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING STATE
CONTROL METHOD

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI No. 10-326126 discloses a technique for controlling the power supply of a personal computer by detecting the user with an infrared sensor. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

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2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI No. 8-194564 discloses a technique for switching the mode of a computer to a sleep mode to interrupt the supply of power to any peripheral device and/or a monitor, when the computer has determined that any peripheral device thereof does not operate for a predetermined period and there is no input from its keyboard.

3. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI No. 10-3333 discloses a technique for supplying power to the monitor of a computer or interrupting the supply of power thereto on the basis of whether or not the temperature of the user is sensed.

The following are also listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Publication No. 10-285102
2. Japanese Publication No. 9-282430
3. Japanese Publication No. 5-242311

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of these three non-English language documents, an English-language abstract of each document is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United

States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	10-326126	10/08/98	Japan			No
	8-194564	07/30/96	Japan			No
	10-3333	01/06/98	Japan			No
	* 10-285102	10/23/98	Japan			No
	* 9-282430	10/31/97	Japan			No
	* 5-242311	09/21/93	Japan			No

* English Language Translation of Abstract is enclosed

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